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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

Subject: Privately Owned Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Accident Prevention

1. Purpose. To reemphasize motor vehicle and motorcycle safety guidance to all Combined Arms Center (CAC) and Fort Leavenworth organizations, leaders, and personnel as we move forward to reduce preventable accidents.
2. General. The unsafe use of privately owned vehicles and motorcycles continues to be the leading cause of accidental loss across TRADOC and the Army. Motorcycling is growing more popular in America. Whatever the motivation, whether recreation, inexpensive transportation or some other purpose, more and more people are choosing to ride motorcycles. The popularity of motorcycling is not without some sobering side effects. With the rise in motorcycle riders, there is increased concern of preventing motorcycle-related accidents. Current data reveals the Army has lost twenty two (22) Soldiers to motorcycle accidents so far in FY11, compared to fifteen (15) accidental losses for the same time period during FY10. Current motorcycle trends indicate riders are operating beyond their abilities and accepting too much personal risk.
3. Over the past five years, Fort Leavenworth has experienced twenty four (24) Class A through C accidents as a result of privately owned motor vehicles and motorcycles, two of which were fatalities. Fifty percent of these accidents were operator error as a result of excessive speed, driver distraction, driving under the influence or operator overconfidence.
4. Commanders and commandants, review your motorcycle and motor vehicle accident prevention program with your Soldiers and civilian employees. Conduct refresher training to ensure motorcycle and motor vehicle operators:
 - a. Are aware of local laws, regulations and riding/driving hazards.
 - b. Are properly licensed and have completed the appropriate motorcycle safety training.
 - c. Understand the requirements of personal protective gear and the use of vehicle restraint systems.

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d. Are aware of the Motorcycle Program and local events.

e. Share the road with other motor vehicles.

5. Engaged leaders, at all levels, make a difference. Establish and require performance to standards and responsible behavior. Identify 'at risk' Soldiers or DoD civilians and remind them of the consequences of poor decisions in the operation of motor vehicles and motorcycles, on and off duty.

6. Conclusion. Life is full of choices; the decisions we make impact not only our lives, but the lives of those around us. Reducing risk to the lowest possible level is imperative in all we do, every day.

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